

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following heading and paragraph:

--PRIORITY CLAIM

This is a U.S. national stage of application No. PCT/CH2003/00252, filed on April 15, 2003.

Priority is claimed on that application and on the following application:

Country: Switzerland, Application No. 796/02, Filed: May 10, 2002.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 to page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a cordless thread control device ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 34 to page 1 line 36.

Please insert the following new paragraph beginning at page 1, between lines 32 and 34:

Pursuant to this object, and others which will become apparent hereafter, one aspect of the present invention resides in a cordless thread control device for the selective control of an oscillating movement of the thread transversely to its running direction, in particular a warp thread of a shedding device of a weaving machine. The thread control device has at least one lifting device capable of being driven in oscillation, at least one driver having a guide for thread and at least one detaining device having a control means actuatable by an actuator in order to bring the driver selectively into engagement with the lifting device. The driver has a damper and is designed to be bend-resistant in the longitudinal direction. The driver is divided between the lifting device and control means and the driver parts are connected to one another by an elastic damper member. Additionally, or alternatively, the driver is capable of being coupled

contactlessly to the lifting device via an electromagnetic field, which acts as a damper, of an electromagnetic coupling device.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20 to page 2, line 21.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23 to page 2, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is particularly expedient if, according to ~~claim 2~~ a further embodiment, the damper is designed as a stop for the lifting device, since direct force introduction occurs here.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 27 to page 3, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is advantageous if, according to ~~claim 3~~ another embodiment, the coupling device has a permanent magnet which is arranged fixedly on the driver and the pole of which is held suspended between two homopolar poles of a magnetic device which are arranged on the lifting device, in such a way that the driver can be driven as long as said driver is not detained in its movement by the control means. The poles of the permanent magnet may be oriented, according to ~~claim 4~~ an additional embodiment, in the direction of movement of the driver, or according to ~~claim 5~~ yet a further embodiment, transversely to the direction of movement of the driver. It is particularly advantageous if, according to ~~claim 6~~ still another embodiment, the magnetic device of the lifting device is of permanent-magnetic design. However, an electrical design according to ~~claim 7~~ may also be envisaged in spite of a complicated current supply.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 6 to page 3, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A particularly compact type of construction is obtained if, according to ~~claim 8~~ another embodiment, as seen in the weft direction and/or warp direction of the shedding device, a detaining device has the same division as the heddles guiding the warp thread.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12 to page 3, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A particularly flat and effective type of construction is obtained if, according to ~~claim 9~~ a further embodiment, the driver is configured as a flat lifter, one end part of which is configured directly as a control means which can be brought into engagement with a detaining member under the influence of an electromagnetic actuator. It is particularly advantageous, in this case, if; ~~according to claim 10~~, the actuator is designed as an oblique-pole magnet and, ~~according to claim 11~~, the end part is designed as a leaf spring. The end part of the driver may, ~~according to claim 12~~, be provided with a locking recess which cooperates with the detaining member. According to ~~claim 13~~ another embodiment, the driver cooperates with a return spring which is expediently arranged on the end part which faces away from the control means.

Please delete the entire page 8.